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SUBJ: THIRD ANNIVERSARY OF UP GOVERNMENT: RALLIES, STRIKES,  
VIOLENCE

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1. SUMMARY. UP SUPPORTERS STAGED MASSIVE RALLY TO CELEBRATE  
THIRD ANNIVERSARY OF UP ACCESSION TO POWER. OPPOSITION RALLY  
ORGANIZED AROUND WOMEN SCHEDULED FOR SEPT 5. STRIKES OF TRANSPORT  
WORKERS, PROFESSIONALS, MERCHANTS GO ON. VIOLENCE CONTINUES  
WITH CARABINEROS SHOOTING STRIKING TRUCKERS, POLITICAL PARTY OFFICES  
ON BOTH SIDES BOMBED AND BURNED. END SUMMARY.

2. UP CELEBRATED THIRD ANNIVERSARY OF ALLENDE ELECTION VICTORY  
WITH MASSIVE RALLY IN PLAZA DE LA CONSTITUCION IN FRONT OF LA MONEDA  
AFTERNOON AND EVENING SEPT 4. NO REALISTIC WAY TO ASSESS NUMBERS,  
BUT IMPRESSIVE NUMBERS OF PEOPLE IN LONG COLUMNS, WELL-ORGANIZED  
WITH BANNERS, TRUCK BORNE DISPLAYS, LINES OF FARM TRACTORS,  
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MARCHED FROM FIVE SECTORS OF CITY TO MAIN PLAZA. MARCHERS RE-

VIEWS BY PRES ALLENDE, SURROUNDED BY UP LEADERS, CIVILIAN MINISTERS BUT NOT MILITARY MEMBERS OF CABINET, AND REPORTEDLY BY DIPLOMATS OF "SOCIALIST COUNTRIES." ALLENDE SPOKE ON NATIONAL RADIO/TV HOOKUP AT 10 PM. CLAIMED "SHINING REALITY" OF PROGRESS IN LAST THREE YEARS FOR THE PEOPLE NOW MORE UNITED, MATURED, AND EXPERIENCED, WHILE OPPOSITION HAS MOVED TO EXTREMISM TO TRY TO BRING DOWN GOVERNMENT. DECRIED "FASCIST PRACTICES" AND THE "GRAVE CONSPIRACY" OF THE OPPOSITION, AND CALLED FOR VIGILANCE. HELD OUT HOPE ON ECONOMIC FRONT WITH RATHER POIGNANT NOTE THAT WINTER (SOUTHERN HEMISPHERE) IS ENDING AND ECONOMIC PROSPECTS ARE PROMISING WITH BETTER COPPER PRICES, HIGHER COPPER PRODUCTION AT CHUQUICAMATA, WINTER PLANTING AT LEVEL OF LAST YEAR.

3. OPPOSITION ELEMENTS AND GUILDS' WOMENS' GROUPS CALLED FOR COUNTER RALLY OF WOMEN FROM 1800 SEPT 5 AT ALAMEDA IN FRONT OF CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY, SOME TEN BLOCKS FROM LA MONEDA, TO DEMAND RESIGNATION OF PRES ALLENDE. SIMILAR DEMAND HAS BEEN CONTINUING PAST FEW DAYS IN FORM OF PETITIONS CIRCULATED BY OPPOSITION STUDENT GROUPS. MEANWHILE RALLY OF UP WOMEN CALLED FOR 1600 SEPT 5 AT MONEDA.

4. TRANSPORT STRIKE CONTINUES WITH NO FURTHER SIGN OF SOLUTION, SANTIAGO MERCHANTS BEGAN ANOTHER 48 HOUR CLOSURE FROM AM SEPT 5 IN SYMPATHY TRANSPORT STRIKERS SHOT AT LEYDA (SEE FOLLOWING ITEM), AND PROFESSIONALS IN FULL HALT (RETEL). REPORTS FROM PROVINCES, ESPECIALLY TO SOUTH OF SANTIAGO, INDICATE STRIKES HAVING SERIOUS IMPACT ON MOST OF NATION, WITH DAMAGE TO SPRING PLANTING GREATEST CONCERN (SANTIAGO 3931). MINPUBLIC WORKS AND TRANSPORTATION MAGLIOCCHETTI SAID ON LEAVING MONEDA THIS MORNING THAT NO TALKS TAKING PLACE WITH TRANSPORT STRIKERS.

5. VIOLENCE CONTINUED WITH CARABINERO/TRUCKERS CLASH RAISING LEVEL OF CONVERN ABOVE "ROUTINE" BOMBINGS. DURING AFTERNOON SEPT 4 TRUCK DRIVERS AND SUPPORTERS AT LEYDA TRUCK PARK ESTABLISHED IN FIELDS BETWEEN MELIPILLA AND PORT OF SAN ANTONIO BLOCKED IMPORTANT ROAD LINKING PORT WITH SANTIAGO. CARABINERO DETACHMENT SENT UP FROM SAN ANTONIO CLASHED WITH STRIKERS IN INCIDENT STILL UNCLEAR IN DETAILS, BUT RESULT WAS CARABINERO SHOTS WHICH KILLED ONE AND WOUNDED THREE TRUCKERS. UP AND OPPOSITION PRESS PREDICTABLY BLAME STRIKERS AND POLICE, RESPECTIVELY. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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AMONG OTHER INCIDENTS, RADICAL PARTY "CENISTA" (UP) SUB-OFFICE IN SANTIAGO WAS BURNED POSSIBLY ACCIDENTALLY AND COMMUNIST PARTY REGIONAL HQ IN VALPARAISO BOMBED. SOLDIERS TAUNTED BY LEFTIST STUDENTS CHASED LATTER INTO A SANTIAGO HIGH SCHOOL COMPLEX AND CLASH BETWEEN UP SUPPORTERS AND STUDENTS COLLECTING ALLENDE RESIGNATION PETITION SIGNATURES IN DOWNTOWN SANTIAGO THIS MORNING WAS BROKEN UP BY CARABINEROS.

6. PDC NATIONAL COMMITTEE RESOLVED SEPT 4 TO PRESENT IMPEACHMENT MOTIONS IN CHAMBER OF DEPUTIES AGAINST MINISTERS WHO HAVE NOT CARRIED OUT CORRECTIONS DEMANDED IN CHAMBER RESOLUTION OF AUG 22. RUMORED THAT MAJORITY OF MINISTERS WILL BE CITED, INCLUDING CADEMARTORI AND BRIONES, AND THAT ACTION WILL BE INTRODUCED NEXT WEEK.

7. MINMINES RELEASED STATEMENT SEPT 4 THAT PRES ALLENDE HAD ORDERED REINSTATEMENT OF 97 WORKERS OF EL TENIENTE COPPER MINE BY GOC COPPER CORPORATION, AS GESTURE OF GOODWILL BY GOVERNMENT TO COPPER WORKERS. THESE RINGLEADERS FIRED DURING STRIKE OF JUNE/JULY. ARBITRATION COMMITTEE OF WHICH PRESENT MININTERIOR BRIONES WAS MEMBER HAD EARLIER ORDERED REINSTATEMENT OF 97, BUT COPPER CORPORATION HAD FAILED OBEY. ASIDE FROM OLIVE BRANCH OFFER TO COPPER WORKERS, MOVE IS PROBABLY MEANT TO SUPPORT CREDIBILITY BRIONES, WHO NOW IN POSITION ENFORCE ORDER HE JOINED IN AS ARBITRATOR. HOWEVER, OPPOSITION RADIO REPORTS FROM RANCAGUA TODAY ARE THAT MANAGEMENT HAS NOT YET RECEIVED ANY ORDER REGARDING REINSTATEMENT.

8. SPECULATION ON FUTURE OF ADM MONTERO AS CINC NAVY CONTINUED IN PDC PAPER LA PRENSA SEPT 5. PAPER CITES "INFORMED SOURCE" TO EFFECT THAT SERIES OF MEETINGS WITHIN NAVY AND BY NAVY WITH PRES ALLENDE LED TO "A SORT OF AGREEMENT" THAT MONTERO WILL REMAIN FOR A SHORT TIME AND THEN BE REPLACED AS CINC BY ADMIRAL MERINO. AS PART OF GENERAL ALERT OF NAVY, SHIPS IN VALPARAISO HAVE REPORTEDLY MOVED FROM PIERS TO COMMANDING POSITIONS IN BAY. (SEPTTEL VIA DAO CHANNEL).

9. LATE PRESS REPORT STATES BOMB THROWN LAST NIGHT AT HOME CUBAN EMBASSY EMPLOYEE JORGE ROMERO, DAMAGING HOUSE FRONT BUT NO INJURIES.

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